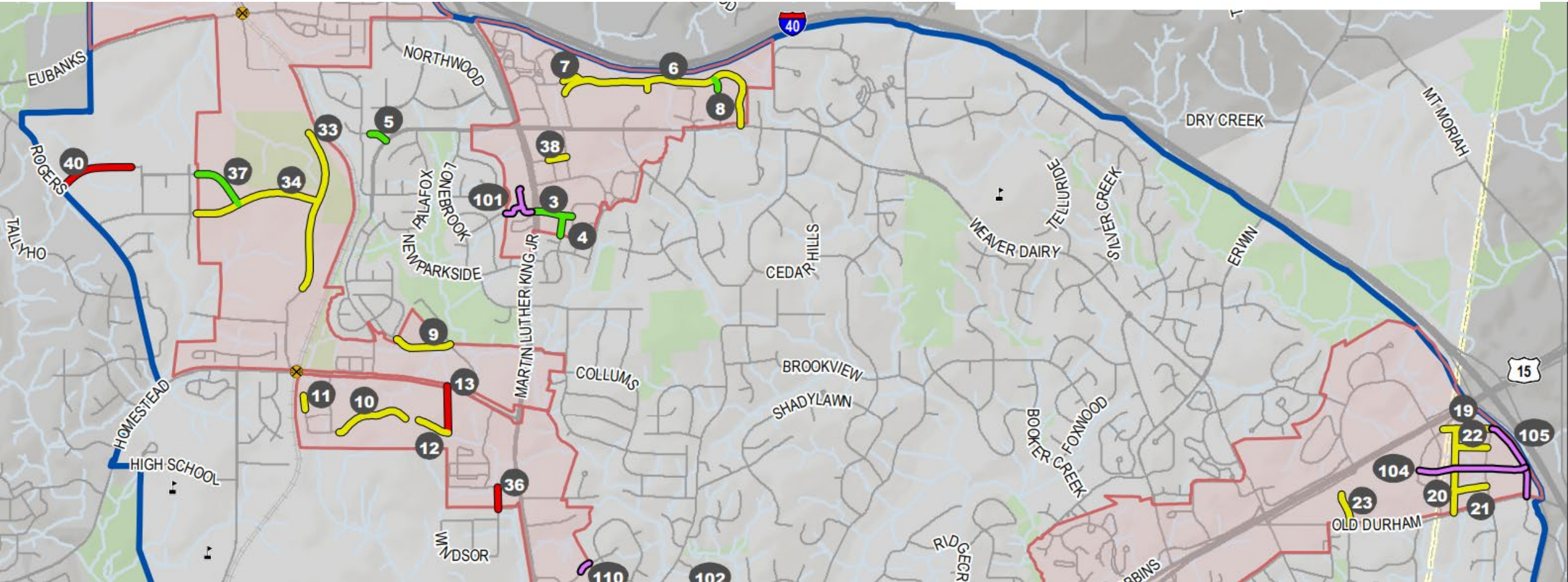




COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AMENDMENT

Connected Roads Plan

6.14.2023



Recommendation

Close the legislative hearing and adopt the Connected Roads Plan as an amendment to the *Chapel Hill 2020* Comprehensive Plan



WHAT is a Connected Roads Plan?

Seeking to implement a **consistent approach** to local street connections

- seeking best practices of **connecting communities** for all modes



WHAT would a Connected Roads Plan do?

New developments would be expected to develop the proposed connections to stay consistent with the Chapel Hill 2020 Comprehensive Plan

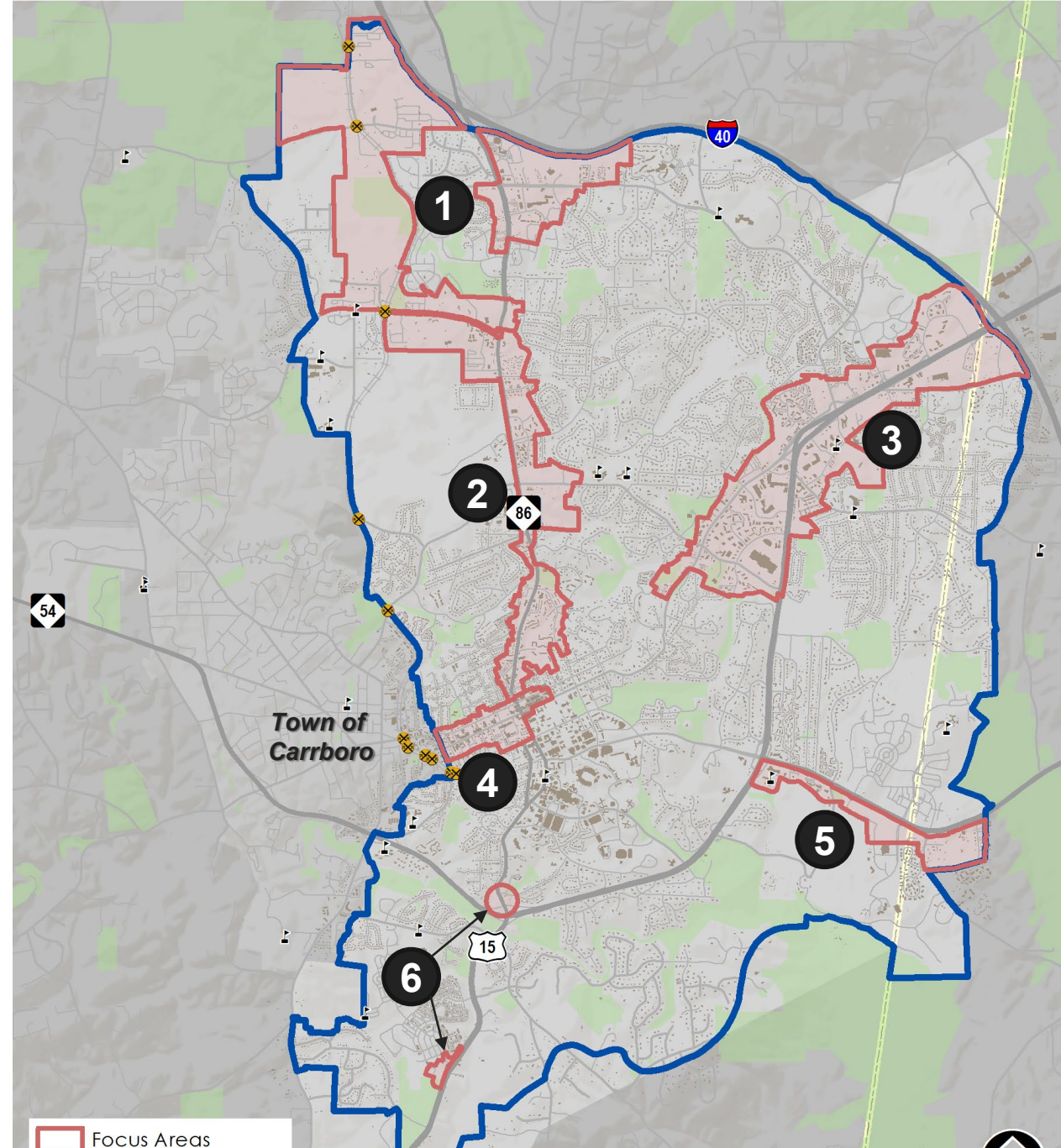
- Staff to encourage connections and highlight developments that don't make connections

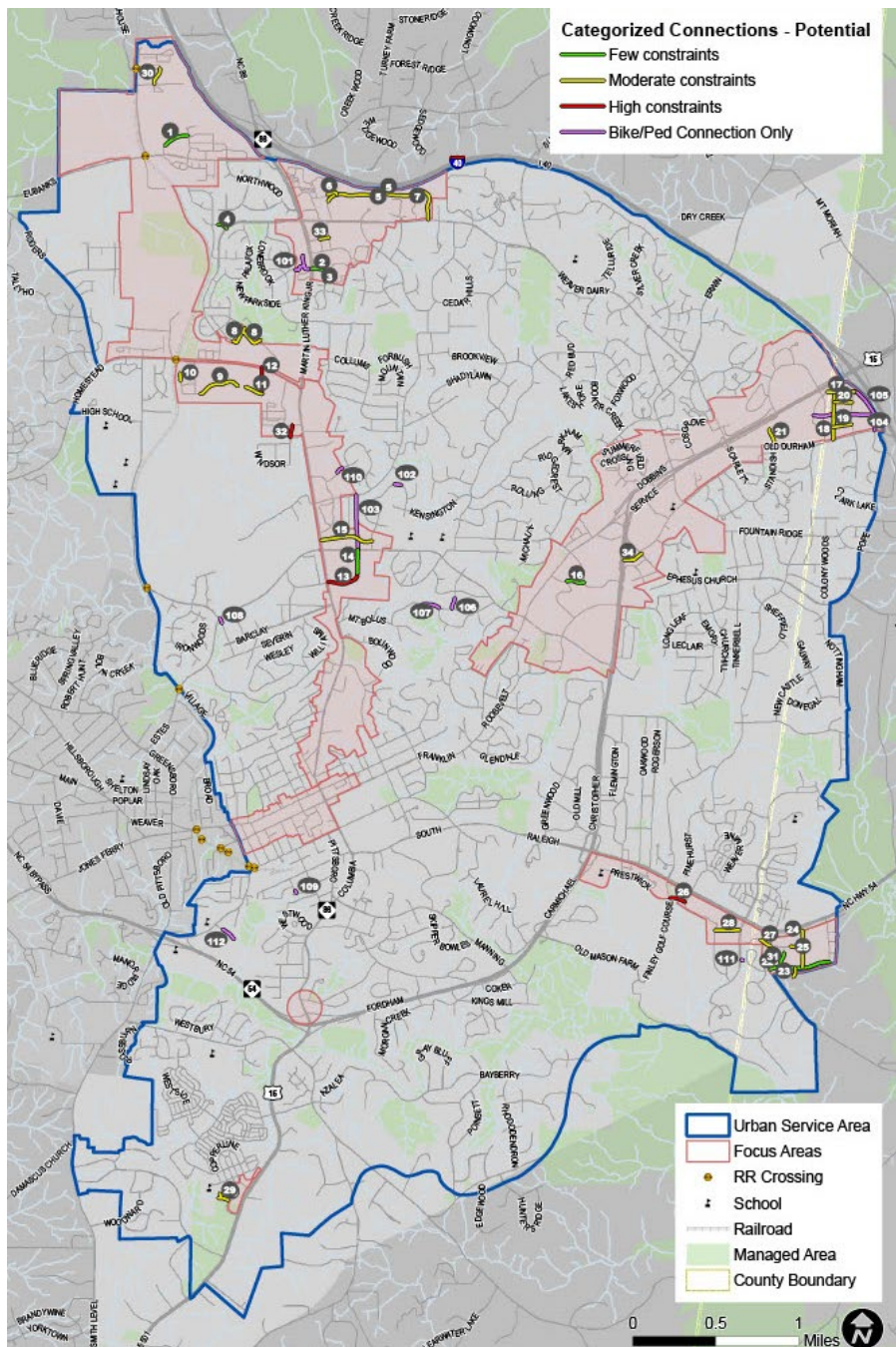
WHERE are we prioritizing connections?

New roads to be constructed as **part of development**, not as standalone projects

Potential for **new mixed-use development** (growth)

Major corridors are constraint to greater connection





Proposed Connections

Based on 'constructability'

- 9 Few constraints
- 22 Moderate constraints
- 3 High constraints

34 potential connections remain

- 12 Bike/Ped Connection Only
 - Adopted in Everywhere to Everywhere Greenways Plan

- Since May 10th Council Hearing
- Five connections removed – stream crossings and wildlife impacts
 - Three connections reworked – avoid RCD



Feedback

Initial engagement (Feb.-Mar.) - **179 respondents**

1. Value walkability and safety
2. No buildings to be impacted
3. Traffic noise and speeding cars are potential issues

Stormwater Review (May)

1. Minimize stream crossings
2. Reduce incursion in RCD
3. Pursue alternatives to reduce impacts

2nd Survey – (Apr.-May) – 5 respondents

1. Location-specific feedback





Still to Come...

- The policy recommendations will be considered in the LUMO rewrite
- Revise and modernize Town traffic calming policy
- Evaluate developer road implementation and effectiveness of new policies



Recommendation

- Close the legislative hearing
- Adopt R-11 to include the Connected Roads Plan as an amendment to the *Chapel Hill 2020 Comprehensive Plan*



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